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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Sara Nora Garcia, ) Case No. 1:21-cv-00332-EPG  
Plaintiff, ) STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR  
vs. ) EXTENSION OF TIME  
Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting ) (ECF No. 15)  
Commissioner of Social Security, )  
Defendant. )

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between the parties through their respective counsel of record, with the Court's approval, that Plaintiff shall have a 60-day extension of time, from December 27, 2021 to February 25, 2022, for Plaintiff to serve on defendant with PLAINTIFF'S OPENING BRIEF. Defendant will file Opposition brief on March 28, 2022, and Plaintiff's Reply will be filed April 12, 2022.

This is Plaintiff's first request for an extension of time. Good cause exists for this extension. Counsel has recently received a greater number of Answers and Certified Administrative Records from defendant in cases in this district, and the three other California Districts, each of which require settlement negotiations or merit briefing. Counsel has a greater

1 than usual number of merit briefs due in December 2021. In the Eastern District of California  
2 alone, Counsel received 47 Certified Administrative Records in November 2021.

3 As to merit briefs, for the week of December 20, 2021, Counsel has one letter brief and  
4 EAJA Motions. Also, Counsel has preplanned vacation days for the Christmas holidays.

5 Due to Counsel's attempt to spread out the significant increase of briefs due for prior  
6 months, in the month of January 2022, Plaintiff's Counsel has 25 merit briefs.

7 In addition, Counsel is responsible for reviewing AC denials for possible filing in US  
8 District Court. Counsel has received an unusual and ever-increasing number of AC denials  
9 which require a review for possible filing in US District Court.

10 Due to the increase in certified administrative records being filed by defendant, Counsel  
11 for Plaintiff has a larger than usual number of briefs due for the month of December 2021 and  
12 January 2022.

13 Counsel for the Plaintiff does not intend to further delay this matter. Defendant does not  
14 oppose the requested extension. Counsel apologizes to the Defendant and Court for any  
15 inconvenience this may cause.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

19 Dated: December 11, 2021 PENA & BROMBERG, ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
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21 By: /s/ Jonathan Omar Pena  
22 JONATHAN OMAR PENA  
23 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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1 Dated: December 11, 2021 PHILLIP A. TALBERT  
2 Acting United States Attorney  
3 LISA A. THOMAS  
4 Regional Chief Counsel, Region VII  
5 Social Security Administration

6 By: \*/s/ Sarah E. Preston  
7 Sarah E. Preston  
8 Special Assistant United States Attorney  
9 Attorneys for Defendant  
10 (\*As authorized by email on December 10, 2021)

1                           **ORDER**

2                           Pursuant to the parties' stipulation (ECF No. 15), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that  
3 Plaintiff shall file an opening brief no later than February 25, 2022. The Commissioner's  
4 responsive brief shall be filed by March 28, 2022, and Plaintiff's reply shall be filed by April 12,  
5 2022.

6                           IT IS SO ORDERED.

7                           Dated: December 13, 2021

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*/s/ Eric P. Groj*

9                           UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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